

# Foggy Bottom News

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## Councilmember Catania at December FBA Meeting

The December meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association will feature Councilmember-at-Large David A. Catania as the main speaker. The event is set for Monday, December 3, at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 7:30 p.m. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Catania was first elected to the D.C. Council in a 1997 special election and re-elected to a four-year term in 1999. His legislative interests are numerous, and current projects are: working toward an elected attorney general for the city; affordable housing; and increasing opportunities for D.C. residents, especially those without higher education, to become apprentices in the building trades and similar occupations. An ongoing interest is strengthening the role of and resources available to Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, including a centralized office to provide support to ANCs.

Councilmember Catania is an energetic and articulate speaker who will share with those attending insight into and information on the city's problems and the Council's responses to those problems.

There will also be a presentation by GWU representatives on the plans for dormitories at 23rd Street and Virginia Avenue. The FBA, as well as GWU, wants residents to learn about these projects.

## *Update*

### DPW Sets Leaf Pickup

Residents of Foggy Bottom west of 23rd Street are scheduled to have leaves picked up by the city between December 3 and 14. The city asks that leaves be raked into tree spaces (between sidewalk and street) by Sunday, December 2, in preparation for being machine-vacuumed.

Important note: The city will not remove leaves from the gutters; leaves should not be raked into the street because (a) the city will not pick them up; (2) there is a possibility of fire if a car parks over them; and (3) in the gutter they accumulate, can become hard, and block water runoff and the sewer catch basins.

**Note:** The Department of Public Works has scheduled street cleaning in Foggy Bottom sometime in December or January, and parking will be prohibited to enable the cleaning equipment to be used. According to Tom Bower of the FB Historic District Conservancy, DPW will stagger the no-parking bans so that some parking will be maintained. It is possible the cleaning will take place between Christmas and New Year's Day, when the fewest cars are in the area; that schedule, however, depends on the weather.

### 1957 E Hearing Continues January 17

On November 15, a hearing was held before the Zoning Commission on GWU's building at 1957 E

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### GW, Parties File on Campus Plan

*By Barbara Spillinger*

The Board of Zoning Adjustment, on November 1, issued a "Proposed Order on Remand," designed to strengthen and clarify its previous Order of March 29, 2001, on the George Washington University Campus Plan. The order had been the subject of a suit by the University. Parties to the case were given until November 13 to file exceptions and objections to the proposed Order.

#### ANC: "Don't Include 1957 E"

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A, in its response, voiced strenuous objection to the possible inclusion within campus boundaries of 1957 E Street, which is now under construction even though the Zoning Commission has yet to rule on GWU's application for modification of the Planned Unit Development previously approved for the property.

The ANC filing also objected to the Order's proposal that the "base number," for purposes of calculating the percentage of students to be housed on campus, be set at 8,000. (The undergraduate en-

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### DOT "Illegally Usurps" 27th Street Lot

*By Ellie Becker*

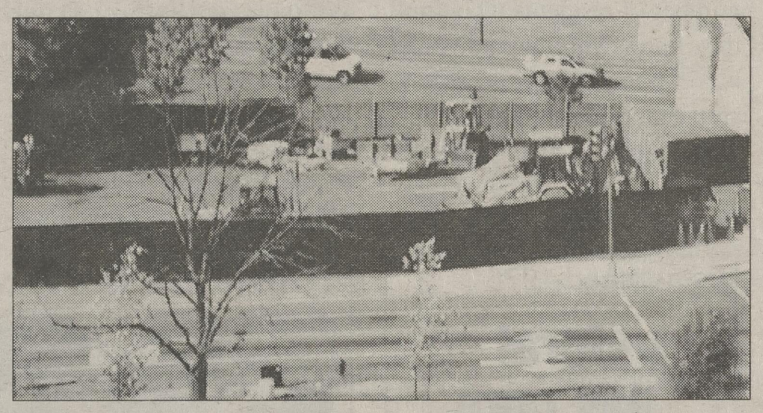
One Thursday in October Foggy Bottom fur began to fly, followed by angry faxes and phone calls within the District government as well.

The cause was the incredibly hasty erection of fences and the asphalting of a portion of the large land area south of K Street and west of 27th Street. The calls came from concerned residents, and richocheted among movers and shakers in our neighborhood (Ed Gable of the Griffin, Barbara Spillinger and Jacqueline Lemire of the FBA, Barbara Kahlow of the Westbridge, and ANC Commissioner Maria Tyler, to name a few).

Then calls were placed to Councilmember Jack Evans, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), whom we correctly understood to have gained jurisdiction over the property on July 18, 2001. The "usurpation" turned out to be the work of the Department of Public Works' Division of Transportation (DOT), which appeared to have unknowingly trespassed on DPR property. The area was to be used to store equipment involved in the work on M Street in Georgetown for about two years, after which it would be restored to parkland.

A prompt "cease and desist" order went out from DPR for DOT to vacate the parkland, and at least one DOT official, Bill Rice, agreed that the parking lot should and would be removed. An initial "remove"

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**FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING**

**All Residents Welcome**

**Guest Speaker:**

**David A. Catania**

**D.C. Councilmember-at-Large**

**Monday, December 3, 2001**
**The Melrose Hotel**
**2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**
**7:30 p.m.**

(Next meeting: Monday, January 28, 2002)



## *Letters*

### Acts of Vandalism Not Isolated

I am writing in response to a recent occurrence that took place at my residence on New Hampshire Avenue . . . when someone glued three pieces of paper to my car windows because he felt I was illegally parked in my own driveway. Apparently [he thought] my car was protruding out into the sidewalk. Though I know it was not, that is not the matter of concern. The problem is a resident took it upon himself to take the law into his own hands.

I am a GW student and because of the volatile town-gown relations in this area I have never felt completely comfortable since moving into this house. This incident with my car only heightened my discomfort, as I thought I was targeted because our house is full of GW students.

After talking with some of our neighbors, however, I found that this was not an isolated incident. I have met two residents that also had signs taped or glued to their car windows. In one case, the car was a Jeep Wrangler and the plastic cover was ruined by the glue.

Apparently, there are a number of residents who think they know who this individual is, yet no one has been able to stop this from happening. . . . The signs read: "Illegally Parked—Don't Trash Foggy Bottom." These acts of vandalism and destruction of property are trashing the neighborhood's character. They are compromising us all, residents and students alike.

*Amanda Ely*
*New Hampshire Avenue*

Ed. Note: Second District officers are also concerned about glued-on signs, but can't take action without proof or witnesses. They urge residents to report to the police if they are witnesses, or if their cars are damaged.

### News from 2D

MPD's Second District has announced plans for the assignment of its officers in case of another emergency situation such as September 11. Officers, according to the announcement described in the Georgetown Current, will be sent to fire stations, hospitals, and major intersections, including Washington Circle and both 19th and 21st Streets and Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Second District's annual awards banquet ran a little late this year. It was held at the Fort McNair Officers Club, as in the past, but attendees this year were delayed by security searches of their automobiles. The 6:00 p.m. festivities reportedly got under way about 7:30, but the delay did not deter the awards. The officers of the year for PSA 207 and 208 were, respectively, Master Patrol Officer Donald ("Donnie") Williams and Officer Daniel Godin. Board of Zoning Adjustment member Anne Renshaw and Anthony Roccoe-Grande of the GWU Police were two of the community service award winners.

### Joe Brockenberry Dies at 53

Joseph Brockenberry, longtime staff member of St. Mary's Court, died at his home on October 18 of natural causes. During his 23 years at the Court, he performed a variety of duties, at the front desk, as lead security staff member, and as musical performer, "dee-jay" and master of ceremonies. He also presided at other community events.

He is survived by his wife Betty, a daughter Lisa, two stepchildren, seven grandchildren and brothers and sisters. Services were held at the Metropolitan Wesley AME Zion Church on North Capitol Street and a special one at St. Mary's Court. He was credited with playing a major role in "introducing the Foggy Bottom community to St. Mary's Court." The family designated St. Mary's Court for remembrances.

### *Corcoran Exhibits "Last Great Place" Photos*

The Corcoran Gallery of Art is presenting "In Response to Place: Photographs from The Nature Conservancy's Last Great Places," a collection of 130 photographs by 12 well-known contemporary artists. They include William Christenberry, Terry Evans, Annie Liebovitz, and others, commissioned to catch on film a "last great place." The exhibit stays through December 31. Gallery hours: Wed-Mon, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Thur, 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

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### Columbia Hospital Seeks Volunteers

*By Kathy Byrnes*

A good neighbor in the Foggy Bottom community for over 100 years, Columbia Hospital for Women is seeking interested local residents to donate a few hours each week as volunteers. Your gregarious, smiling countenance would be a welcome addition to the main lobby information desk on Wednesday or Friday, 8:00-11:00 a.m., or on Thursday afternoon from 1:00-4:00 p.m. If you are the shy, retiring type and would like to help with telephones, filing or other office duties, we also have a place for you. Call me, the Director of Volunteer Services, at 293-6596 for a "no-obligation" interview.

### Shop Via the Blue Buses

Holiday shopping in Georgetown is a breeze if FB residents take advantage of the Georgetown Metro Connection buses running from the Foggy Bottom Metro Station to upper Georgetown. The bright blue buses, which cost 50 cents (25 with Metrorail transfer) travel west on K St., and north on Wisconsin to just above Georgetown (and the Safeway).

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## Miriam's Kitchen Wins Award

Miriam's Kitchen for the Homeless, located at Western Presbyterian Church, won a coveted Award for Excellence in Non-Profit Management presented by The Washington Post. According to Miriam's Kitchen officials, "the award was unexpected since it is rarely awarded to first-time nominees." Other finalists were the Arena Stage and the Choral Arts Society of Washington.

At the Kitchen, in addition to its breakfast feeding program, case workers actively help individuals get off the street, providing legal, social and medical services. Also featured at the Kitchen are art and poetry programs, for both adults and children. Currently a fund-raising project is under way to purchase a house where individuals can live who used to live on the street.

# Neighborhood Datebook

**Monday, December 3:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with Councilmember-at-Large David A. Catania as featured speaker. There will also be a presentation, limited to 15 minutes, on GWU's plans for dormitories at 23rd Street & Virginia Avenue. The Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. All residents welcome. 7:30 p.m.*

**Wednesday, December 5:** "Cardiac Arrhythmia," sponsored by the Arrhythmia Service at GW Hospital. Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. Contact: 1-888-4GW-DOCS. 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 7:** Opening reception for "Bring Art to the Season" exhibition featuring a group of artists, including five "treasured Foggy Bottom artists." Watergate Gallery & Frame Design, 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W. 6:00-9:00 p.m.*

**Wednesday, December 12:** Community Christmas Carol Sing and Tree Lighting, sponsored by Western Presbyterian Church and the Newman Catholic Center. Western Presbyterian Church, 24th & G Streets, N.W. 6:30 p.m.*

**Wednesday, December 12:** Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting. Contact: 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 14:** "An English Renaissance Christmas" concert, featuring Chantry, Washington's newest early music vocal chamber group, led by Foggy Bottom resident David Taylor. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street, N.W. Contact: 625-2855. $15; $12 for seniors and students. 7:30 p.m.*

**Sunday, December 16:** Christmas Concert by the Washington Sangerbund. United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 3:00 p.m.*

**Through Friday, January 4:** "Montana Legacy," an exhibit of aerial photographs of the Montana landscape by Mark Abrahamson. National Academy of Sciences gallery, 2100 C Street, N.W. Contact: 334-2100. Hours: weekdays, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Through Tuesday, January 15:** "Natural Painting: Three Perspectives on Landscape," an exhibit of work by painters Owen Gray, Margaret Grimes and Ginger Levant. National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. Contact: 334-2100. Hours: weekdays, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*See article on this listing elsewhere in this issue.




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## Party Too Noisy? Call 311

The officers of the Second District should be called if neighbors are causing disturbances. D.C. law is clear: "It is the declared public policy of the District that every person is entitled to ambient noise levels that are not detrimental to life, health, and enjoyment of his or her property." One section of the law also prohibits "noise disturbance by the operation, use, or playing of any musical instrument or device, loud speaker, or other similar device . . . on private property or public space."

The MPD has a duty to enforce this law, and may issue a verbal warning and allow a reasonable time for violations to cease. Further, it allows "a fine not to exceed $300 or imprisonment not to exceed 10 days, or both." According to the police, the warning is often enough, but if the officers must return to stop the noise, or if they are shown excessive disrespect, the offenders can and may be arrested.

Lt. David Hutchinson of PSA 207 (west of 22nd Street) has assigned one of his night-shift officers to monitor the area for violations. He recommends that residents not hesitate to call for help, and if no one comes, call again!

## WG Gallery Hosts "Bring Art to the Season" Show

Watergate Gallery is hosting a group show entitled "Bring Art to the Season" during the month of December. Artists to be featured are Jonathan Alderfer with his bird prints; Kevin Adams whose recent exhibition, "From the Farmer's Market," was very well received; Mark Palmer's abstract watercolors; photographs by Eduardo Gyles; scenes of Washington by Frank Morgan; friends of the gallery Susan Engle, Nancy Zabalioeff, Carolyn Tozier, and Roberta Jeanne Nicolella. Also in the show are "our treasured Foggy Bottom artists," William D'Italia, Eva Jacob, Charles Bolmar, Roz Freund and Dorothy Wagner.

The exhibition will be at the gallery, 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W., in the Watergate Mall near the entrance to the Safeway. It will run from December 6 to January 5; gallery hours are Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Saturday until 4:00 p.m. Contact: 338-4488. There will be a reception with many of the artists present on Friday, December 6, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**"It is the District alone that bears the entire cost due to GWU's presence. . . . They include:**

**"The costs imposed on the neighborhood and on the District at large by changing the character of a stable residential community now beset by congestion, nuisance, rowdiness and other facets of student life, and their impact on property values, population shifts, and on the need to preserve a healthy mix of institutional versus residential housing in a city already dominated by the former." ***

*Excerpt, "Growth and Expansion of Private Universities in the District of Columbia: The Case of George Washington University; An Economics Primer," by Sol Shalit, Professor Emeritus of Economics and Finance, The University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee School of Business Administration

## Timely Tips—Recycle

- Send used sheets, towels, blankets, comforters, pillows, etc. to a local animal shelter.
- Load copiers and printers with paper used on one side for printing drafts, file copies, etc.
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rollment was 6,857 when GWU first filed its case in the fall of 1999, and 7,881 on February 13, 2001, the date of the Board's first decision in the case.) ANC-2A argues that accepting the 8,000 undergraduate enrollment figures "rubber-stamps GWU's prior increase as a fait accompli and rewards GWU for ignoring the Comprehensive Plan and ignoring the concerns expressed by ANC-2A, OP [Office of Planning] and other parties throughout this case regarding the uncontrolled growth of GWU's undergraduate student population."

## FBA Agrees on Enrollment

The Foggy Bottom Association also expressed concern over the phenomenal growth in undergraduate enrollment from 6,339 to 8,044, or 26.9%, in just three years, without a commensurate increase in available on-campus housing, and without any attempt to adhere to the Board's February 13 expressed demand that the numbers be curtailed. FBA's other major concern is campus plan enforcement which, if feels, must be dealt with in specific detail in the final Order.

Professor Sol Shalit, representing two parties to the case, also criticized the benchmark enrollment figure and expressed his fear that the Order as written does little to encourage the University to "reduce the total number of students . . . living outside the campus in Foggy Bottom/West End in University-provided housing . . . [but rather] encourages it to substitute graduate students for undergraduates."

## GWU Replies

In a strongly worded, carefully-crafted and detailed submission, GWU took issue with almost every paragraph of the written Order. It argued that the Order "is not supported by the factual record and imposes conditions which violate the rights of the University and its students," and that the "conditions imposed are unparalleled in the annals of zoning regulations of institutions of higher education." Two provisions were singled out for particular attention, namely, that the Order:

(1) ". . . denies GW the right to count existing beds in university facilities one to two blocks from the campus operated as a matter of right under District zoning regulations." In support of this argument, the University contends that recent purchases and leases in Foggy Bottom/West End (the Howard Johnson, the St. James Hotel and 2424 Pennsylvania Avenue) replaced transients and therefore did not lessen the supply of available housing stock for permanent residents.

(2) ". . . refuses to recognize any carve-out in the housing calculation for students who should not, or cannot, be housed in campus facilities." These include a reported 2,085 commuters who reside outside of the Foggy Bottom/West End area, and an estimated 410 who do not qualify for or may with purpose not elect to reside on campus. Subtracting this total from the current undergraduate population of approximately 8,050 would mean 5,555 students would require housing—45 less than the number of beds (5,600) mandated in the Order.

Throughout its text, the University argues that the record shows that the community does not claim that students per se are objectionable, but that it is the number of students that have brought about alleged "objectionable impact." The University submits that "students are as worthy to live in these neighborhoods as any other resident."

The Final Order is scheduled to be released December 11.

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Street, which the college has converted to dormitory housing, classrooms, large lecture halls, and the Elliott School of International Studies. The university presented its case but community representatives will not be heard until the continuance of this hearing is held on January 17 at 6:30 p.m.

GWU had applied for a modification of the planned unit development (PUD) approved in 1993. The ANC has requested it not be granted because the GWU project "is a fundamental change to the purpose, benefits, and amenities" included in the earlier-granted PUD. That PUD called for an office building and condominium apartment units for all residents, not for student-only dormitory use. As reported in the November FBNews, the West End Citizens Association agreed to support the university's plans in return for added retail space there and in another GW building, restricted loading dock and construction hours, use of the building to house only upperclass and graduate students, and funds for a reduced- or no-charge meal program at Sholl's Cafeteria.

## ANC Meeting Has Full Agenda

The November 13 meeting of the ANC considered a long list of topics discussed at length by the Commissioners, outside speakers, and interested residents. Several are the subject of separate articles in this issue (Square 37, the site of the West End Library, and the Division of Transportation's "illegal usurpation" of parkland at 27th & K Streets).

The subject of dormitories on both sides of 23rd Street at Virginia Avenue presented by GWU at the last ANC meeting brought forth differing ideas among the commissioners. A recurring theme was the lack of information from GWU as to its overall plans for providing the on-campus housing being required by the latest BZA order on the campus plan, and dissatisfaction at having to make decisions on a piecemeal basis. (The Zoning Commission has set a hearing on the dormitory projects for Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m.) For instance, when asked to approve a non-dormitory addition to Funger Hall on its current parking lot, they questioned the university's right to ask for a non-dormitory project, and why student housing could not be built on another parking lot in the same square. The Funger Hall and another building project will be on the Zoning Commission agenda on Thursday, December 13.

Agenda items approved were the placement of a sculpture in front of the World Bank at 19th and H Streets, a resolution about large signs on buildings, and a request from Primi Piatti for approval of an outdoor cafe space. Following these less weighty items was a somewhat heated discussion (the third one) on the large office building planned by the International Monetary Fund in place of the 19th & Pennsylvania Avenue PEPCO building.

The meeting lasted from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m., leaving all attendees feeling tired and buried in too many issues, and with more than some sympathy for the overload the ANC has been dealing with for over a year.

## Residents Say "Don't Change" Square 37

ANC-2A, articulating the sentiments expressed by residents at several meetings, is recommending that the zoning for the southern half of Square 37 be retained. This block, which contains the West End Branch Library, is

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JEFFREY'S
At The Watergate

SWISSÔTEL WASHINGTON, THE WATERGATE is pleased to offer a variety of holiday events for the month of December. Whether you prefer to celebrate your festivities with us or take home a complete holiday meal, our innovative chefs from *Jeffrey's at the Watergate* will prepare a sumptuous meal for you. For detailed information and to make your reservation, please dial 202.298.4455.

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zoned R-5-B, but the owner of a parking lot on the 23rd Street side, James Pedas, is asking the Zoning Commission to consider changing it, hopefully for him, to more commercial and denser usage. Other borders are 24th and L Streets, and an alley on the north. The Pedas petition does not put forth any specific proposals or building projects.

The ANC maintains that keeping the current zoning "will ensure that its use will be residential" and will "assure variety in the streetscape of the West End to make the neighborhood as attractive as possible to current and future residents." In addition, a report dated November 7 reminds officials of the horrendous traffic situation already existing on 22nd, 23rd, 24th and L Streets, already at Level F, the maximum. It also points out that two townhouses may be historic, and a moderate-income apartment building "may be the only such rental building left in the West End."

A lengthy report submitted by the Office of Planning (OP) stated that while it supports consistency in zoning, the staff is concerned that "strict consistency would potentially result in excessive commercial office development which would be inconsistent with community planning goals for the area." However, OP does recommend some modification of the existing zoning categories, but specified that office as a principal use be limited.

The Zoning Commission will schedule the Pedas request for a hearing after the first of the year.

## *Need a Helping Hand?*

### Newman Students Stand Ready

The Newman Center at 2210 F Street has a group of students ready and willing to help elderly Foggy Bottom residents. They want to help in ways such as shopping for groceries, shoveling a snowy walk, or lifting and carrying heavy or out-of-reach items inside or outside the home. The students are "Good Samaritan Ministers," and can be contacted through Father Rob Panke, the Newman Center chaplain, at 676-6855 or frrob@gwu.edu. Father Panke is anxious to have senior citizens call for help with "chores," or just to have a young person visit them and provide some company.

## *Foggy Bottom Folks*

There was an omission in last month's issue; **Lucille Duprat** was the author of the article on the book sale at the West End Library. The dropping of her byline might have given the impression that she was not a participant in the event; that could not be farther from the truth. Everyone at the library, and others as well, know she is one of the stalwarts of the Friends of the West End Library.

A proud father, **Bob Charles,** advised the News that not only is his daughter the skipper of a sailboat in an around-the-world race, her crew is all female. **Lisa McDonald** was also responsible for changing the rules to allow for a slightly larger crew to equalize for women having less upper-body strength. Sounds like a young woman with the courage of her convictions!

Kudos to a good friend of the FBNews, **Jennie Lazowski,** who is celebrating a very special birthday this month. For years Jennie has helped distribute the News and takes care of the mailed copies (D.C. Council, press, etc.) She also helps at the Kennedy Center and Meals on Wheels. She's indefatigable.

The same adjective can be applied to FBA Board member **Rita Champagne,** who has a whole raft of community projects as well. That's not news, but her recent trip Down Under is, and she reports it went off very well. She not only did the "tourist" thing, but was able to visit her nephew who is stationed in Australia.

Foggy Bottom and Potomac Plaza have bade farewell to **Barbara Julian,** who is off to live in Scottsdale, Arizona. The neighborhood will miss her participation at zoning hearings and other events; no doubt Scottsdale will welcome her enthusiasm.

The News heard from a Potomac Plaza resident who is interested in joining a bridge group. Now, in a community like Foggy Bottom, there have to be several such groups. If there are other onesomes, twosomes or threesomes looking for a fourth, share the information with Laura at 338-9034.

**Danny Diaz,** proprietor of the men's clothing shop in Columbia Plaza, recently had some surgery and absented himself for a while. He's now back, for the best in suits, etc., and for his renowned tailoring talents.

**One Washington Circle Hotel** will be closing for renovations, beginning on December 3, reopening in April, 2002. All areas of the hotel (suites, public areas and the West End Cafe) will be redone.

## New Committee

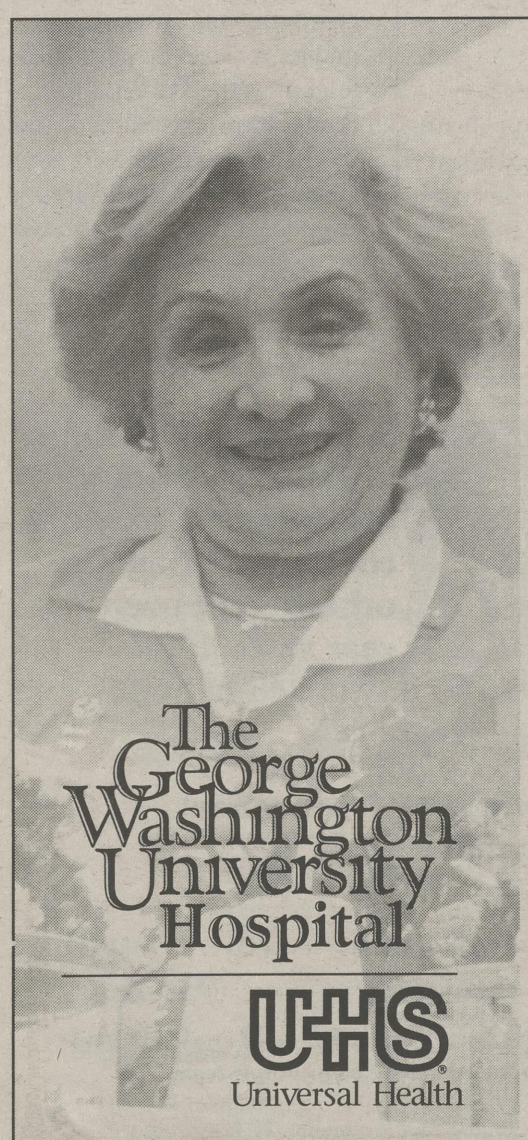
At a recent FBA Executive Board meeting, the mission statement for one of FBA's committees was finalized, and the committee name altered slightly. The mandate of the District Issues Committee is to "monitor District agencies dealing with issues of overall concern to the FBA and Foggy Bottom/West End residents, as well as to monitor other organizations/businesses whose activities impact Foggy Bottom/West End; develop for Board discussion issue positions and suggested strategies to address them; report to the Board and develop articles, as appropriate, for the FB News.

This committee, chaired by Jim McLeod, will not deal with GWU issues. The major interest currently is the proposal to rezone the southern half of Square 37, the site of the West End Library and the police Special Operations Division. This proposal is a controversial one, and may be the first of many important issues the Committee will consider. Call Jim McLeod (223-6457) to get involved.

As listed in last month's issue, the other FBA committees are:

Community Improvement
Editorial
GWU Oversight
Membership
Public Relations
Strategic Planning

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## Marija Hughes Remembers Shadow




The very first time I saw Shadow I fell in love with her. She was a little black dog with golden paws, who had been adopted from the Washington Humane Society by my friends in Georgetown. When she grew old and ill and my friends left town, I adopted her.

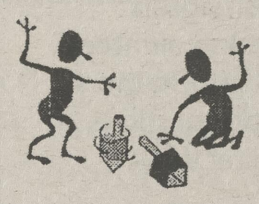
Sharing my apartment with Shadow at Columbia Plaza transformed my life into a wonderful love affair. We were inseparable. At 5:30 a.m. we greeted the newsboy; at 7:00 people reporting to the State Department for work; at noon, the mailman and finally the Balloon Boutique people. At 7:00 p.m. we would meet with our friends who have dogs and go for a group walk. Shadow was very much a part of Foggy Bottom and the tapestry of this community.

I bought a baby stroller so we could walk long distances. We were often accompanied by my sister, Julijana Maatchi Debeljacki, who knitted a sweater for her and who was adored by Shadow. We went everywhere: the Mall, the Kennedy Center terrace, the local Safeway and Georgetown. Most of all she loved Annapolis. Daily, employees from the Loews Hotel clapped and called her name when she passed through the hallways, and adopted her as their mascot. When she won the first prize at the Loews Bark Breakfast in June, 2000, she was on TV three times. She was the best-dressed dog with her sequined dress! She later stole the show at the 2001 Washington Bark Ball, and appeared on Channel 5 on July 16.

Shadow was 22 years old when she passed away. She was a medical wonder, who has inspired passages in new veterinary medical books. Yet she never let on that she was ill. She was a guest at the last Leader Dole birthday party and was featured in his book, "Follow the Leader."

Shadow tells about her experiences in her book, "Shadow at the Ball," a charming collection of photographs of pets and pet owners attending the Bark Ball. Proceeds from the sale of the book, available for $20 from Hughes Press, 2400 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Suite C501, will go to the Washington Humane Society, sponsor of the ball. It might be a nice holiday gift for dog-owning friends.


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# *Letters for Olga: Students Remember Olga Corey*

One constant in the life of Olga Corey in recent years was her affection for the students at The George Washington University. The affection was reciprocated, as illustrated by letters written in her memory by four students who spent time with her.

### Roger Kapoor, President, Student Association (SA)

More than just a hometown of Chicago, Olga and I shared a love for the students of GW. She would always be at our events, bringing her light and love to the GW community. We spent many times together throughout my time here in Foggy Bottom, and I never knew her to be anything but happy, and excited about the many opportunities our community offers us.

Olga is a role model for me and, I feel, anyone else who lives in Foggy Bottom. She loved her community and all of its residents. There were times we disagreed, sure, but there were never times when I felt anything else but respected and listened to. She will always have a place in my heart, as she will in the hearts of anyone who ever had the chance to be in her company.

Olga has left us all a legacy of friendship and respect. I will spend each day of my life trying to live up to that example. Olga wouldn't have it any other way.

### Joshua Hiscock, SA Asst. Vice President of Community Affairs (2000-2001)

The first time I met Olga Corey was Labor Day of 2000. She appeared fashionably late for a Student Association Community Affairs meeting, arriving wearing an "I Love GW Students" button and carrying copies of The Hatchet. At first, I saw a frail woman and, I will admit, I was not sure what to think of her. But the moment I heard her speak I knew there was nothing frail about Olga Corey. She meant business. But her business was not that of running people out of office or out of town. It was a business of caring. Olga cared for people immensely, and no one more than the students of GW.

I had the pleasure of working with Olga for over a year. I worked most closely with her over this past summer. It was during this time that I was able to sit with her and listen to her ideas, share in the joy of her many life experiences, and make plans for the future. One afternoon, Olga came to visit me in The Hall on Virginia Avenue. She sat with me and reviewed GW judicial policies. It was not the most exciting Sunday afternoon topic of conversation, but the company Olga provided made up the difference. I bought her a Sprite, generally a small act of kindness. But to Olga this meant more than I could ever know. To the last day I spoke with her, just a week before her death, she called me "Her Sprite boy" and said that she owed me one in return.

Olga Corey cared. She cared about people, about fair labor, and about her friends. People continue to care about her. I always did and I always will.

### J.P. Blackford, GWU Graduate Student Senator

While I have been a member of the GW and Foggy Bottom communities for a number of years, I did not get to know Olga Corey until a couple of years ago. I first met her when I was working on the Student Association's position on the GW Campus Plan. When I first met Olga, I could tell that she truly cared about GW students and the Foggy Bottom community. She was probably the only member of the community who regularly showed up at Senate meetings and who was regularly in the SA Office. Her insight about the community and her concerns about students were so helpful to me in crafting a position on the Campus Plan that the Senate could adopt.

I started to get to know Olga better as a person when I worked with her and a number of other student leaders on establishing the Foggy Bottom Student Community Alliance. I guess as a GW student you hear so often that the residents of Foggy Bottom are all against the University and students. When you saw Olga wearing her "I Love GW Students" shirt, you knew that we had a strong ally in the community. I could really see that Olga cared deeply about everyone she met, and always went out of her way to help whenever she could. Talking to Olga and learning about all that she had accomplished prior to becoming active in Foggy Bottom was a truly great experience. Having a meeting with her in her apartment in Foggy Bottom was an experience I will certainly not soon forget. Seeing all the memorabilia that she had on Lincoln and all the "artifacts" that she had collected over the years was truly amazing. And, you could always count on Olga to offer you a beer or other drink to lighten the mood!

Olga made my working with the Foggy Bottom community so much easier—she was one of those rare people who could bring two sides with vastly different views together. I will certainly remember my time with Olga fondly and will miss seeing her on campus and spending time with her.

### Alice Lingo: SA Vice President for Community Affairs

I only knew Olga for a few short months. As a student senator, I had seen her at practically all of our meetings, wearing an "I love GW Students" button. Even as a freshman, I suppose, I knew who she was after seeing her at practically every large and small GWU event. I knew that she was a Foggy Bottom community member, I knew that she was a champion of students and residents getting to know each other, I knew that everyone else knew her, and I knew that she was someone I wanted to get to know. But it wasn't until this past school year that I was formally introduced to her in what was supposed to be a "working" relationship. But anyone who knew Olga knows that working with Olga is more fun than work. Over hamburgers at Marshall's happy hour and coffee at Capitol Grounds, I learned about a woman who had lived an amazing life full of political activity and friends. She relayed to me her vast knowledge of the historical landmarks of not only Foggy Bottom, but of D.C. as a whole. She asked me questions about myself and about my future that I had never considered asking myself. She taught me a lot about who I hope to be: a person much like her who commands respect and friendship. The only regret I have is that I didn't get to know her right away, two and a half years ago when I was a freshman. I regret not hearing more stories or getting the chance to drive around in her famous car. But even in the few short months that I knew her, I met a person more whole and encompassing than anyone else I had ever met before.

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It was announced at the Nov. 13 ANC meeting that the D.C. City Council had adopted a resolution in honor of Olga, and declared Nov. 20 as "Olga Corey Day" in the District of Columbia.



**Happy Holidays**

**DOT,** *from page 1*
date of October 19 passed and the trucks were still there. No "date certain" was given, and residents fear DOT is "dragging its feet." Responsibility for locating an alternate site rests with the D.C. Government Services Administration, which as of this writing has not done so.

At its November 14 meeting, ANC-2A adopted a lengthy resolution which traced the long and somewhat checkered history of this park area, the efforts over the years by the community to maintain it as open space, and deplored the failure of DOT to communicate its plans to other government officials and to the community in a logical—and required—fashion. And of course it asked that the "illegal usurpation" of the parkland be terminated.

One resident mused that residents complain that District agencies fail in their legal responsibility to notify the community of pending actions; in this case "they did not talk to each other either."


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# Local Services Set for Christmas

The churches in Foggy Bottom will celebrate Christmas with a variety of events, which are printed here for your convenience.

**Sunday, December 23**

Western — 11:00 a.m. Holiday Worship Service.

**Christmas Eve**

St. Mary — 10:00 p.m. Choral Presentation.
10:30 p.m. Service for the Nativity of Our Lord.

St. Paul — 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with Carols—Children's Service with Boy & Girl Choristers. Light dinner reception follows.
11:00 p.m. First Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Procession and Solemn Mass; Father Andrew Sloane presiding; George Malcom's Missa ad Praesepa. Wassail party follows in dining hall.

St. Stephen — 5:30 p.m. Candlelight Mass.
12:00 midnight. Solemn Mass at Midnight.

United — 5:00 p.m. German Christmas Eve Service, followed by reception.
6:45 p.m. English Christmas Eve Service.

Western — 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

**Christmas Day**

Newman — 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass.

St. Mary — 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service.

St. Paul — 8:00 a.m. Low Mass.
11:00 a.m. Procession and Solemn Mass; Father Edwin Barnett preaching; Franz Schubert's Mass in G Major.

St. Stephen — 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., 1:00 and 5:30 p.m. Christmas Day Masses.

**New Year's Eve**

St. Mary — 11:15 p.m. Service for the Eve of the Feast of the Holy Name.

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Newman Catholic Student Center, 2210 G Street, N.W. 676-6855
St. Paul's Parish (Episcopal), 2430 K Street, N.W. 337-2020
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W. 333-3985
St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 785-0982
The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 331-1495
Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W. 835-8383

## Holiday Events Set in FB

During the month of December, several special holiday events are scheduled to celebrate the season here in the neighborhood.

On Wednesday, December 12, residents are invited to a **Community Carol Sing** to be held at Western Presbyterian Church at 24th & G Streets. The event, co-sponsored by the Newman Catholic Center, will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include the singing of favorite carols as well as the lighting of a Christmas tree.

Two days later, on Friday, December 14, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 2430 K Street, a concert titled **"An English Renaissance Christmas"** will be performed by the vocal group Chantry under the direction of FB resident David Taylor. Chantry is an early music ensemble and will perform medieval English plainchant, 15th-century English carols, and Christmas polyphony by Byrd, Sheppard, Tomkins, Weelkes, Gibbons and Warlock. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are available at the door for $15 or $12 for seniors and students.

Another Christmas concert will be at The United Church on Sunday, December 16, featuring the voices of the **Washington Sangerbund** performing German folk songs and other seasonal music. The Sangerbund, which means a "singing society," was founded in 1851, and is composed of about 60 singers. The choral group maintains a clubhouse and practice area in upper Georgetown above the Old Europe restaurant. The concert is a holiday tradition at United and will be held at the 20th & G Streets church at 3:00 p.m.

## Strategies for Coping with the Threat of Terrorism

*By Dr. Angela Gilbert*

As we adjust to the events and consequences of September 11, we can expect our stress level to be higher. Therefore, practicing effective stress management is more important than ever. There is a wide range of individual differences and responses to trauma, and sometimes responses can be delayed for months. While it is normal to be affected by extraordinary events, over time the daily stresses can result in an increased risk for physical illness and/or depression. Listed below are common responses to trauma, along with seven coping strategies.

Responses include: changes in mood and feelings (irritability, mood swings, or apathy); increased anxiety; repeated, vivid memories of events; difficulty in concentrating or decreased work performance/productivity; disruption in usual sleeping or eating patterns; excessive drinking or drug use; sense of loss, sadness, or grief; and strained interpersonal relationships.

### What To Do to Cope

While stressful events can make us more vulnerable to illness and depression, the most important variable in the equation is you--specifically what you do to cope with stress. We have choices about how we deal with it, and coping strategies can be learned and developed.

1. Find Balance. Limit exposure to news, make time for leisure, and change your scenery.
2. Take Good Care of Yourself. Get plenty of rest, eat healthfully, exercise (remember walking counts!) Do things you find soothing and relaxing.
3. Seek Social Support. Talk with others about your feelings.
4. Resume Routines. Don't let fear, anxiety, or sadness keep you from your activities.
5. Think Positively. It can keep us healthy, and positive learnings can come from even the most disturbing events.
6. Let go of things beyond your control.
7. Help Others. Do something positive and meaningful, volunteer, donate to charities, help others in need, and practice kindness and patience.

If stress, anxiety or depressive symptoms interfere with your daily functioning, seek the services of a professional. And for more information on coping, visit Dr. Gilbert's webpage at www.ExploreOptions.org.

*Dr. Gilbert, a licensed psychologist, is director of Washington Women's Psychotherapy Center at 24th & Pennsylvania Avenue, which has provided services to men and women since 1979.*

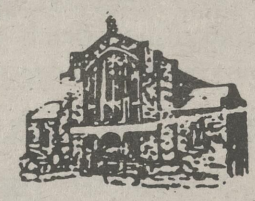

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